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Internal Memorandum

Dr. Elbert Kincaid, Charlottesville, Virginia

Saw Dr. Kincaid at his home in Charlottesville. His plans have changed since we saw him earlier and he now expects to lecture at the University of Arizona in the fall term of 1954. Under these circumstances rather than the long study which he contemplated earlier, he now proposes to do a short study, which would be a survey and indexing of the Carter Glass papers. He would want a graduate student working with him. The plan would be to get the work well started under Dr. Kincaid this summer and then have the graduate student carry it on in the fall, if necessary.

We had had a report that Dr. Kincaid's teaching was slowing down and that there might be some question as to whether he could carry through the longer study. I inquired in Richmond from Mr. Hugh Leach of the Richmond Bank and Mr. Thomas Storrs as to this rumor. Mr. Leach said that he knew Professor Kincaid far too well to be able to give any unbiased reply. Mr. Storrs found himself in somewhat the same position as he feels a great debt of gratitude on account of Dr. Kincaid's activity in helping him complete his education. Nevertheless, he said that he thought Dr. Kincaid still able to give valuable advice to organize and to direct a project. He, therefore, thought that the real crux of the matter was the graduate student, whom Dr. Kincaid would choose to work with him.

Under those circumstances I asked Dr. Kincaid to give us the name of the graduate student he was proposing to enlist and to give us some idea of what his proposed short survey might cost. I asked him if we could have this before the 20th of May so it could be in hand before the Rockefeller Board met. He thought this might be possible.

He then asked whether this was all we would want of him and I told him that our desire was not so much the question as was any eagerness of his to undertake some phase of the larger project. I left the matter open to his judgment and it is probable that he will communicate with us later.

Dr. Kincaid's physical health seems good at the present time. It is probable that he has had a slight stroke and this has slowed his pace both mental and physical, nevertheless, his mind is clear and still keen.

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